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REMARKS

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate receiving a copy of form PTO-1449, on

which the examiner has initialed all listed items.

Claims 1-20 are pending. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and

allowance of this application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type

double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,466. Enclosed

herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer, to obviate the double patent rejection. Reconsideration and

withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the forgoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in

condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions

relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any unforeseen fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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